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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed herewith.

No admission is made that the cited references are prior art and/or material to patentability. The Examiner is urged to consider each of the cited references cited in the attached Form PTO-1449, and to make an independent decision with respect to the materiality of each.

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Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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